

FUSION Q's... Ephesians Part 11 – Imitate

Discussion Questions

- Q1. Describe a time when you really lost it and acted terribly toward another person. What would you do differently if you could go back and change your behaviour?
- Q2. Paul says not to let anger cause us to sin. How is it possible to be angry and not sin? How long should one be angry?
- Q3. What are some healthy ways to deal with our anger?
- Q4. Paul also warns Christians that they should be careful how they speak. Why do you think this is important?

Read James 1:19-25

- Q5. How can one be quick to listen? Are you usually quick to listen or quick to speak?
- Q6. How can people get rid of all filth and evil out of their lives? What does that even mean?
- Q7. How intentional are you about doing what the Bible says when you read it or hear it preached or taught?
- Q8. Paul tells us to be gentle, sensitive and forgiving with other Christians. Why is this so important?
- Q9. How are you doing in these 3 areas? How can you do better?

Bible Passages for Fusion Discussion

Today's Ephesians Passage (4:25-32... The Message)

²⁵What this adds up to, then, is this: no more lies, no more pretense. Tell your neighbor the truth. In Christ's body we're all connected to each other, after all. When you lie to others, you end up lying to yourself.

²⁶⁻²⁷Go ahead and be angry. You do well to be angry—but don't use your anger as fuel for revenge. And don't stay angry. Don't go to bed angry. Don't give the Devil that kind of foothold in your life.

²⁸Did you use to make ends meet by stealing? Well, no more! Get an honest job so that you can help others who can't work.

²⁹Watch the way you talk. Let nothing foul or dirty come out of your mouth. Say only what helps, each word a gift.

³⁰Don't grieve God. Don't break his heart. His Holy Spirit, moving and breathing in you, is the most intimate part of your life, making you fit for himself. Don't take such a gift for granted.

³¹⁻³²Make a clean break with all cutting, backbiting, profane talk. Be gentle with one another, sensitive. Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you.

James 1:19-25 (The Message)

¹⁹ Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. ²⁰ Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. ²¹ So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.

²² But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. ²³ For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. ²⁴ You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. ²⁵ But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.